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REMARKS

The Office Action mailed January 26, 2006, has been received and reviewed. By the present Response, Claims 2-5, 12, 13, 15, and 18 are amended, and Claims 1 and 6-11 are canceled. Currently pending in the application, then, are Claims 1-5 and 8-22, of which Claims 1, 12, 13, 15, 18, 20 are independent. No new matter has been introduced by this Response.

Election/Restriction

Claims 6 and 7, which were previously withdrawn, are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1-5 and 8-11 are rejected based on various cited references. Without agreeing with these rejections, the Applicant has canceled Claims 1 and 8-11. Claims 2-5 have been amended to be dependent from amended Claim 18, which is now in condition for allowance as explained below, so Claims 2-5 are now too in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 12-19 are indicated objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the elements of the base claims and any independent claim. Claim 12 is rewritten in independent form including all the elements of Claims 1, 10, and 11. And Claims 13, 15, and 18 are each in independent form including all the elements of Claims 1 and 10. Claims 14, 16, 17, and 19 are each dependent from one of these rewritten independent claims. Accordingly, Claim 12-19 are all now in condition for allowance.

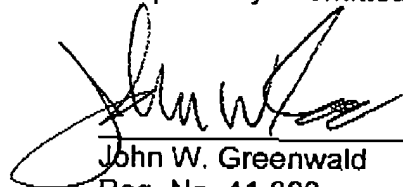
Claims 20-22 are indicated to be allowable in the "Detailed Action" section of the office action, so they have not been amended.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments submitted herein and the above comments, it is believed that all grounds of rejection are overcome and that the application has now been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant requests early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions, the Examiner is urged to telephone the Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

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